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Snow Micro Systems, Inc. provides low cost hardware and software to the personal computer user. Our diversified line of hardware is designed for club or group construction projects such as the AMSAT-GOLEN-80 Project (see BYTE Magazine, September 1979). Our expanding line of software is designed and priced for the low budget personal computer user.

IMPORTANT

All assembled and tested boards are covered by our standard 90 day warrantee.

Our bare boards are sold with schematics, layout drawings and component lists only so that schools, amateur radio or computer clubs using them for group construction projects and other technically competent individuals can save money by assembling the boards themselves. As such Snow Micro Systems, Inc. warrants that the PC boards are free from physical defects and known circuit errors.

We cannot troubleshoot home constructed cards over the telephone (which is why our cards are best used in club projects) but we will provide a problem identification service for individually constructed cards (namely, we'll fix board and solder related problems and identify bad ic's) under the following conditions.

1. The card is returned to us post paid and packed such that damage in shipping does not occur.
2. The card was constructed using proper construction practices (particularly, resin-core solder and a small tip soldering iron).
3. The post repair warrantee only applies to parts replaced by us.
4. The card be accompanied by a fixed payment of \$50.00 (covers labor only) and a written description of problem symptoms.

We strongly recommend that you test all ic's before installing them in order to save time and grief in bringing up a card for the first time. Since our designs incorporate commonly used ic's, your new ones can usually be tested by substituting them into other working cards in your system in place of existing ic's.

SOFTWARE DOCUMENTATION

AMS-80 DEBUG PACKAGE (AMS-80 Version 5.8)

AMS-80 is a full software debug package and system I/O drivers including serial ports, a 64 x 16 video card driver (SSM, Polymorphics and Proc. Tech.) and a parallel input keyboard. Brief details were published in BYTE magazine, September 1979. The package is available in the following formats.

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| AMS-80-D   | Documentation (Manual) only (includes source listing). This is 180 pages of information.           |
| AMS-80-NO  | Object code on NORTHSTAR disc format.  |
| AMS-80-NSC | Source code on NORTHSTAR disc under CP/M.  |
| AMS-80-CPM | Source code on 8-inch disc under CP/M.   |
| AMS-80-P   | Standard AMS-80 on 2708 proms (you may have to change a few bytes to customize it to your system). |

The jump table for the i/o routines is compatible with the ZAPPLE monitor, thus CP/M or any other software configured for ZAPPLE i/o will run through AMS-80 with no modifications.

S-100 HARDWARE

GOLEM-80 FRONT PANEL INTERFACE CARD [FP .01]

Hardware front panel-interface card, allows the contents of memory locations and I/O ports to be examined and changed. This card plugs between your S-100 Bus and your panel switches/display card. The panel display may be in binary, octal or hex format.

GOLEM-80 S-100 TROUBLESHOOTER [TR .01]

The S-100 troubleshooter comprises FP.01, and a binary switch and display panel, interconnected by ribbon cables; a must for troubleshooting S-100 systems. The two cards may be mounted as a sandwich on an extender card for use as a portable test unit, or may be separated and used as a permanent front panel installation in a home brew system (see BYTE magazine, September 1978, for details of the Golem-80 project concept).

STATION CONTROLLER CARD [SC .01]

Seven analog input channels feed through a CMOS selector (4051B) to a  $3\frac{1}{2}$  digit DVM ic used as an Analog to Digital Converter (MC 14433P). The output of which is put into a local cache memory (74S189) to simplify software readout. Six (6) industrial quality reed relays are driven (via a 9664 or 75492) for station control purposes.

A 3.579 MHz color TV crystal is divided (by a MM5369N) to feed a hardware time of day clock ic. (MM5318N). This allows the computer to keep track of time. Provisions for battery



back up are provided. The bus is interfaced by an 8255 and the usual complement of ic's (8131, 74LS368, and 74LS367).

#### AMSAT TELEMETRY-RANGE (TRUMP) CARD [TM .01]

The AMSAT Telemetry-Range Card contains a bi-directional synchronous/asynchronous serial port (8251A), at 400 Bauds AMSAT Phase III serial TT&C standard. [Other rates available using software settable counter-timer (8253)], Audible tone output circuit for bell or cw monitor, Vector Interrupt circuitry (8214 / 8212), and two programmable 8 bit i/o ports (8255).

S-100 Bus interfaced using standard ic's (8095, 8216 and 8131). Operation of card is controlled by an 82S23 Prom and jumpers.

This is the S-100 card for reception of the AMSAT Phase III spacecraft telemetry and for Synchronous Communications (see BYTE, "The Sky's the Limit," November, 1978). Note: That additional external demodulator circuitry will be required to interface this card to a 145 MHz receiver amateur radio receiver for AMSAT Phase III satellite reception.

This card is suitable for interfacing most synchronous and packet data formats to the S-100 bus providing that any necessary software drivers and modem circuits are also provided.

Delivery of TM .01 (assembled version) configured for AMSAT Phase III will be delayed until March-June, 1980, to ensure compatibility with the spacecraft.

SOFTWARE (NORTHSTAR Format)

AMATEUR RADIO LOGGING PACKAGE [Ham .001]

The Amateur Radio Logging Package contains commands to allow logs to be created, examined, edited and printed. The contents of the logs can be examined by prefix (G, GJ, G3Z, G3ZC and G3ZCZ are all valid prefixes) or by dates, or between two dates. Output can be routed to any of the seven (7) devices supported by NORTHSTAR. QSL cards can be printed on label stock based on log entry information. A separate WAS set of commands allows WAS records to be kept for single-multiple band or modes. (Commands are written in NORTHSTAR Basic.)

AMATEUR RADIO CONTEST PACKAGE [Ham .002]

The Amateur Radio Contest Package contains contest programs for the ARRL Sweepstakes as well as a general contest program for other contests. The calls of stations worked (check list) are saved in memory, while the log entries are written to disc in the same format as the log data files in the LOG package. (Commands are written in NORTHSTAR Basic.)

DISC CATALOG PACKAGE [Cat .001]

The disc catalog package sets up a directory convention and contains programs that generate a master catalog file by reading the individual disc directories. The master catalog file can be edited, merged, or sorted into alphabetical sequence. A HELP or INFORMATION file can be placed on each disc providing brief information about the files on the disc. Invisible files (program associated) are allowed for. The contents of the master catalog file can be searched by selective keys (such as

list all files, all files with a particular type number, all files beginning with a character or group of characters (e.g. S, STA, STAR, STARTREK, etc.).

The individual disc directories can be packed to delete blanks and sorted into alphanumerical order and programs or files can also be renamed or deleted. (Commands are written in NORTHSTAR Basic.)


#### BASIC OPERATING SYSTEM

All NORTHSTAR Software packages contain a system executive program (SYSTEM) that allows Commands (Programs) to be run by name. There is no longer any need to enter "LOAD PROGRAM" and "RUN". Programs are loaded into memory and executed simply by entering their name (e.g. "PROGRAM").

A convention has been defined to name and date the disc, as follows. The first entry in the directory is assumed to be the disc name. The second entry is assumed to be the date that the last significant change was made to the disc. Both of the above entries are zero length type zero files. The disc directory is a type 3 file named <\*>, which allows it to be read by programs written in Basic. The length of the directory file is four (4) in Single Density Systems and eight (8) in Double Density systems. All file names beginning with an \* are assumed to be invisible.

An example of the use of the convention is shown below.

|          |     |     |   |
|----------|-----|-----|---|
| LOG.001  | 0   | 0 S | 0 |
| 79-10-08 | 0   | 0 S | 0 |
| *LOG001  | 232 | 2 S | 3 |
| *LOG003  | 237 | 2 S | 3 |
| <*>      | 0   | 4 S | 3 |
| FILES    | 40  | 4 S | 2 |
| HELP     | 32  | 8 S | 2 |



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## PRICE LIST AND ORDER FORM

## HARDWARE

| PRICE | x | QUANTITY | = | TOTAL |
|-------|---|----------|---|-------|
| 10    | x | 10       | = | 100   |
| 9     | x | 11       | = | 99    |
| 8     | x | 12       | = | 96    |
| 7     | x | 13       | = | 91    |
| 6     | x | 14       | = | 84    |
| 5     | x | 15       | = | 75    |
| 4     | x | 16       | = | 64    |
| 3     | x | 17       | = | 51    |
| 2     | x | 18       | = | 36    |
| 1     | x | 19       | = | 19    |

# FRONT PANEL INTERFACE CARD (FP.01)

bare board, schematic & layout...\$ 45.00 x

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kit.....$245.00 x

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|---------------------------|------------|
| assembled and tested..... | \$349.00 x |
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GOLEM-80 S-100 TROUBLESHOOTER (TR.01)

bare boards, schematics & layouts.\$ 70.00 x

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kit.....$329.00 x

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assembled and tested.....$399.00 x

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STATION CONTROLLER CARD (SC.01)

bare board, schematic, & layout..\$ 45.00 x

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kit.....$245.00 x

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assembled and tested.....$349.00 x

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TRUMP CARD (TM.01)

bare board, 82S23 PROM, & manual. \$ 65.00 x

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kit.....$250.00 x

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assembled and tested as follows.

configured for:

TM.01-A AMSAT PHASE III satellite

telemetry reception.....\$349.00 x

[delivery March-June 1980]

## SOFTWARE

AMS-80 Version 5.8

AMS-80-D Documentation (includes source listing) \$15x

AMS-80-NO Object code on NorthStar disc \$10x

AMS-80-NSC Source code on NorthStar disc (CP/M format)\*\$30x

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|----------|-----------------------------|-------|
| AMS-80-P | Standard code in 2708 Proms | \$60x |
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AMS-80-CPM Source code on 8" disc (CP/M format)\* \$30x

\*CP/M is a trademark of Digital Research, Inc.

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| HAM.001 | Ham Logging Package | \$15x |
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| HAM.002 | Ham Contest Package | \$20x |
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| CAT.001 | Disc Catalog Package | \$20x |
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SUB TOTAL

Sales Tax

Add 10% (up to \$4.00 maximum), postage & handling

TOTAL

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